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In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki TAJIRI et al.**

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MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.